

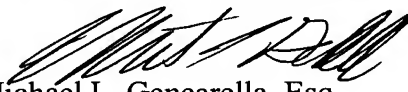
**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 13-15, 17, 18, 20-22, 24, and 26 are currently pending in this application.

Claims 19 and 25 have been cancelled.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance. A notice of allowance is respectfully requested. In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at (408) 774-6921. If any fees are due in connection with the filing of this paper, then the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. LAM2P437). A copy of the transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,  
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